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Bill Number & Link	Section(s) Affected	Bill Summary
SB 776	An Act to amend the Code	Use of the name, logo or symbol of a financial
	of Virginia by adding	<b>institution; penalty.</b> Prohibits any person from using the
http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-	sections numbered <u>6.1-</u>	name, logo or symbol of a bank, trust company, savings
bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+CHAP0240	<u>119.1</u> , <u>6.1-194.93:1</u> , and	institution, or credit union, or a deceptively similar name,
	<u>6.1-225.65</u> and by adding in	logo or symbol, in any marketing material in a manner that
	Chapter 6.1 of Title 59.1 a	would cause a reasonable person to believe that the
	section numbered <u>59.1-</u>	material is from the financial institution. A violation is
	92.22, relating to deceptive	punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor. In addition, a
	or misleading use of the	financial institution whose name, logo or symbol is used in
	name, logo, or symbol of a	such manner is entitled to injunctive relief, the destruction
	bank, trust company,	of the material, and a private action for damages,
	savings institution, or credit	disgorgement of profit, and attorneys' fees, under the
	union for marketing	Virginia Trademark and Service Mark Act.
	purposes; penalty.	
SB 875	An Act to amend the Code	Consumer Real Estate Settlement Protection Act;
	of Virginia by adding a	separate charge limited. Prohibits settlement agents from
http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-	section numbered <u>6.1-</u>	charging more than \$10 for complying with requirements
bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+CHAP0734	2.23:2, relating to the	that settlement agents collect, maintain, and report to the
	Consumer Real Estate	Department of Taxation information regarding
	Settlement Protection Act;	transactions involving the transfer of title to real estate.
	settlement agents; certain	HB 1586 is identical.

	charges limited.	
SB 891	An Act to amend and	Uniform Trust Code. Sets out the Uniform Trust Code,
	reenact §§ <u>26-5.2</u> , <u>26-30</u> ,	which was finalized by the National Conference of
http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-	<u>26-51</u> , <u>26-66</u> , <u>37.1-110</u> , <u>55-</u>	Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 2000 and is the
bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+CHAP0935	7, <u>55-60</u> , <u>55-277.4</u> , and	first national codification of the law of trusts. Much of the
	<u>64.1-73</u> of the Code of	Code is a codification of the common law of trusts and
	Virginia; to amend the Code	consists of default rules that govern where the trust
[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]	of Virginia by adding in	instrument is silent. Special rules on revocable trusts and
	Title 55 a chapter numbered	features encourage non-judicial resolution of
	31, consisting of articles	administrative matters. Existing Virginia statutes are
	numbered 1 through 11,	modified to accommodate the Trust Code, and some
	consisting of sections	uniform provisions are modified to retain current Virginia
	numbered <u>55-541.01</u>	statutory treatment. The bill is effective July 1, 2006.
	through <u>55-551.06</u> ; and to	
	repeal §§ <u>26-5.1</u> , <u>26-49</u> , <u>26-</u>	
	<u>53, 26-54, 26-55, 26-64, 26-</u>	
	<u>65, 38.2-3120, 55-7.1, 55-</u>	
	<u>7.2, 55-19, 55-19.3, 55-19.4,</u>	
	<u>55-27</u> through <u>55-34</u> , and	
	<u>64.1-67.2</u> of the Code of	
	Virginia, relating to the	
	Uniform Trust Code.	
SB 936	An Act to amend and	<b>Revolving credit agreements.</b> Affirms that a state bank
	reenact § <u>6.1-330.63</u> of the	or savings institution is authorized to amend the terms of a
http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-	Code of Virginia, relating to	revolving credit agreement by following the procedures set
bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+CHAP0670	revolving credit;	forth in the agreement for effecting changes in its terms,
	amendments to agreements.	subject to compliance with the federal Truth in Lending
		Act. This provision is stated to be declaratory of existing
		law. The measure also specifies that, unless a contract or
		plan otherwise expressly provides, the lender may amend
		the contract or plan in any respect at any time and from
		time to time, whether or not the amendment or the subject
		of the amendment was originally contemplated or
		addressed by the lender and borrower or is integral to their
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SB 950	An Act to amend the Code	Economics education and financial literacy in the
	of Virginia by adding	public schools and institutions of higher education.

http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi- bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+CHAP0741	sections numbered 22.1-200.03 and 23-9.2:3.5 and to repeal §§ 22.1-200.02 and 22.1-208.2:3 of the Code of Virginia, relating to economics education and financial literacy in the public schools and institutions of higher education.	Requires instruction in economics education and financial literacy in public middle and high schools. The Board of Education is required to develop and approve objectives for economics education and financial literacy in grades six through 12. The principles of the American economic system and financial literacy must also be systematically infused in the Standards of Learning, and in career and technical education programs. However, these objectives are not required to be included in the Standards of Learning assessments. In addition, to provide for experiential learning and practical application of economic and financial literacy principles, public schools may establish on-site banking programs for students. In addition, public institutions of higher education must make provisions for the promotion of the development of student life skills through inclusion of principles of economics education and financial literacy within an existing general education course, the freshman orientation process, or other appropriate venue. The provisions of §§ 22.1-200.02 and 22.1-208.2:3, which provide for instruction in certain mathematics and finance objectives, and the Banking-at-School Partnership Program, respectively, have been incorporated in this bill and have been repealed.
SB 1029  http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi- bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+CHAP0263	An Act to amend and reenact §§ 6.1-63 and 6.1-66 of the Code of Virginia, relating to bank loans secured by real estate.	Mortgage loans by state banks. Eliminates requirements that certain mortgage loans be amortized by periodic payments of principal and interest or by regular payments of principal. A provision of the Code that allows the Commissioner of Financial Institutions to authorize investment in mortgage loans that provide for lesser payments during early periods of maturity of such loans is eliminated. SB 974 is incorporated.
SB 1097  http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi- bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+CHAP0503	An Act to amend and reenact §§ 2.2-2818, 6.1-2.9:8, 38.2-5601, and 38.2-5602 of the Code of Virginia, to amend the Code	Health savings accounts. Requires the Department of Taxation and the State Corporation Commission to amend the Virginia Medical Savings Account Plan to address the provisions of federal law that permit eligible individuals to establish health savings accounts. The revised plan, to be

	of Virginia by adding a section numbered 38.2-5602.1, and to repeal §§ 38.2-5600 and 38.2-5603 of the Code of Virginia, relating to health savings accounts; the Virginia Health Savings Account Plan; high deductible health plans.	called the Virginia Health Savings Account Plan, is required to identify measures that will increase the utilization and efficacy of health savings accounts. Existing medical savings accounts may be converted to health savings accounts. Health carriers are expressly authorized to offer high deductible health plans that qualify for and may be offered in conjunction with health savings accounts. No later than July 1, 2006, the health insurance plan for state employees is required to include, as one of the health coverage options offered in each planning district, a high deductible health plan that would qualify for a health savings account. The 2003 federal Medicare legislation authorizes eligible individuals who purchase a high deductible health plan to make taxdeductible contributions into a health savings account, generally up to the amount of the health plan's deductible, and to make tax-free withdrawals from the health savings account to pay for qualified medical expenses. The measure also repeals provisions relating to the establishment of the Virginia Medical Savings Account Plan and to the role of the Joint Commission on Health Care in monitoring the Plan. This bill is identical to HB 1492.
SB 1228	An Act to amend and reenact §§ 6.1-43, 6.1-	Stock Corporation Act. Updates the Virginia Stock Corporation Act to incorporate refinements to the Revised
http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-	44.17, 6.1-44.19, 6.1-100.1,	Model Business Corporation Act that have been adopted
bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+CHAP0765	<u>6.1-194.88</u> , <u>6.1-194.150</u> ,	by the Business Law Section of the American Bar
	13.1-603 through 13.1-	Association since its Model Act was enacted by Virginia.
	604.1, 13.1-607 through	Substantive changes include permitting several corporate
	<u>13.1-611</u> , <u>13.1-614</u> , <u>13.1-</u> <u>615</u> , <u>13.1-616</u> , <u>13.1-619</u> ,	actions to be taken electronically; confirming that provisions in corporate documents filed with the State
	13.1-627, 13.1-628, 13.1-	Corporation Commission may be made dependent on
	630 through 13.1-633, 13.1-	statistical or market indices or other objectively
	<u>636</u> , <u>13.1-638</u> , <u>13.1-639</u> ,	ascertainable facts; making the process for amending
	13.1-641, 13.1-642, 13.1-	articles of incorporation more flexible; streamlining the
	<u>646, 13.1-647, 13.1-649,</u>	process for combining corporations with other types of
	<u>13.1-651</u> through <u>13.1-658</u> ,	business entities; expanding situations where a shareholder

13.1-660, 13.1-662, 13.1-663, 13.1-664.1, 13.1-665, 13.1-669, 13.1-670, 13.1-671.1, 13.1-672.3, 13.1-672.4, 13.1-673, 13.1-675, 13.1-677, 13.1-679, 13.1-680, 13.1-685, 13.1-686, 13.1-688, 13.1-689, 13.1-691, 13.1-692, 13.1-693, 13.1-695, 13.1-696, 13.1-697, 13.1-699, 13.1-700.1 through 13.1-704, 13.1-706, 13.1-707, 13.1-708, 13.1-710, 13.1-711, 13.1-713 through 13.1-721, 13.1-722.13, 13.1-723, 13.1-724, 13.1-725, 13.1-727, 13.1-728.1 through 13.1-734, 13.1-737 through 13.1-743, 13.1-746 through 13.1-750, 13.1-752, 13.1-757, 13.1-758, 13.1-762, 13.1-765, 13.1-767 through 13.1-772, 13.1-774, 13.1-775, 13.1-775.1, 13.1-776, 13.1-898.1, 13.1-1070, 13.1-1276, 38.2-1000, 38.2-1017, 50-73.48:1, and 50-73.128 of the Code of Virginia; to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered <u>13.1-660.1</u>, <u>13.1-</u> 691.1, by adding in Article 12 of Chapter 9 of Title 13.1 a section numbered 13.1-715.1, by adding sections numbered 13.1-721.1, 13.1can exercise appraisal rights; revising the test for determining whether a sale of corporate assets requires shareholder approval; establishing a shareholder buy-out alternative to court-ordered dissolution; and establishing a process for resolving contingent liabilities of a dissolving corporation.

	735.1, 13.1-746.1, 13.1-	
	746.2, 13.1-746.3, 13.1-	
	749.1, and 13.1-773.1; and	
	to repeal §§ 13.1-722, 13.1-	
	722.1, 13.1-735, and 13.1-	
	736 of the Code of Virginia,	
	relating to the Virginia	
	Stock Corporation Act.	
HB 1156	An Act to amend and	Payday lending practices. Prohibits a licensed payday
	reenact §§ <u>6.1-444</u> , <u>6.1-445</u>	lender from entering into a payday loan with a member of
http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-	and <u>6.1-459</u> of the Code of	the armed forces from a location that has been declared
bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+CHAP0571	Virginia, relating to payday	off-limits by a military base commander. With respect to
	loans.	payday loans to military personnel or their spouses,
		lenders shall not garnish military wages or conduct
		collection activities when the service member is deployed
		to a combat or combat support posting.
HB 1492	An Act to amend and	Health savings accounts. Requires the Department of
	reenact §§ 2.2-2818, 6.1-	Taxation and the State Corporation Commission to amend
http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-	2.9:8, 38.2-5601, and 38.2-	the Virginia Medical Savings Account Plan to address the
bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+CHAP0572	5602 of the Code of	provisions of federal law that permit eligible individuals to
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	of Virginia by adding a	called the Virginia Health Savings Account Plan, is
	section numbered 38.2-	required to identify measures that will increase the
	5602.1, and to repeal §§	utilization and efficacy of health savings accounts.
	38.2-5600 and 38.2-5603 of	Existing medical savings accounts may be converted to
	the Code of Virginia,	health savings accounts. Health carriers are expressly
	relating to health savings	authorized to offer high deductible health plans that
	accounts; the Virginia	qualify for and may be offered in conjunction with health
	Health Savings Account	savings accounts. No later than July 1, 2006, the health
	Plan; high deductible health	insurance plan for state employees is required to include,
	plans.	as one of the health coverage options offered in each
		planning district, a high deductible health plan that would
		qualify for a health savings account. The 2003 federal
		Medicare legislation authorizes eligible individuals who
		purchase a high deductible health plan to make tax-
		deductible contributions into a health savings account,
		generally up to the amount of the health plan's deductible,

		and to make tax-free withdrawals from the health savings account to pay for qualified medical expenses. The measure also repeals provisions relating to the establishment of the Virginia Medical Savings Account Plan and to the role of the Joint Commission on Health Care in monitoring the Plan. This bill is identical to SB 1097.
HB 1586 http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-	An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 6.1-	Consumer Real Estate Settlement Protection Act; separate charge limited. Prohibits settlement agents from charging more than \$10 for complying with requirements
bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+CHAP0780	2.23:2, relating to the Consumer Real Estate Settlement Protection Act; settlement agents; certain charges limited.	that settlement agents collect, maintain, and report to the Department of Taxation information regarding transactions involving the transfer of title to real estate. SB 875 is identical.
HB 1690	An Act to amend and reenact § 18.2-216 of the	Crimes; untrue, deceptive or misleading advertising, inducements, writings, or documents. Provides that the
http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi- bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+CHAP0150	Code of Virginia, relating to untrue, deceptive or misleading advertising, inducements, writings, or documents.	words "untrue, deceptive and misleading" include the use of any writing or document that appears to be, but is not in fact a negotiable check, draft, or other instrument unless the writing or document clearly and conspicuously has printed on its face in at least 14-point bold type the phrase "THIS IS NOT A CHECK." Currently, the writing or document is considered "untrue, deceptive or misleading" even if it has written on it that it is nonnegotiable.
НВ 1777	An Act to amend and reenact §§ <u>6.1-245</u> , <u>6.1-254</u> ,	Consumer Finance Act licensing. Requires a person to seek approval from the State Corporation Commission
http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi- bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+CHAP0063	and 6.1-256.1 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 6.1-258.1, relating to the Consumer Finance Act; licensure of lenders.	prior to acquiring 25 percent or more of the ownership interest in a lender licensed under the Consumer Finance Act. The measure also updates the Act by modifying the contents of the application for licensure, establishing qualifications for principals of new licensees, and requiring licensees to give notice to the Commissioner of the Bureau of Financial Institutions of the opening or closing of offices and of changes in senior officers, members, partners, and directors
HB 1829	An Act to amend and	Names of business entities; emergency. Clarifies that

http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi- bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+CHAP0379  [EFFECTIVE MARCH 21, 2005]	reenact §§ 13.1-630, 13.1-754, 13.1-762, 13.1-829, 13.1-916, 13.1-924, 13.1-1012, 13.1-1214, and 50-73.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to names of business entities.	the words permitted to be in a business trust name pursuant to the Business Trust Act can be considered in determining whether a corporate, limited liability company, business trust or limited partnership name is distinguishable from the names of other such entities that have been recorded, reserved or registered in the office of the clerk of the State Corporation Commission. If the name of a corporation that has ceased to exist is not distinguishable from that of another entity, it shall change its name upon reinstatement to one that is distinguishable before engaging in business. The measure also narrows existing cross-references and makes technical corrections.
HB 1860	An Act to amend and	Unauthorized possession of two or more signed credit
	reenact § <u>18.2-194</u> of the	cards or credit card numbers. Clarifies that possession
http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi- bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+CHAP0157	Code of Virginia, relating to unauthorized possession of	of two unauthorized credit cards is credit card theft and not forgery.
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	cards or credit card	
	numbers.	
HB 2010	An Act to amend and	Judgment rate of interest. Provides that the rate of
	reenact § <u>6.1-330.54</u> of the	interest on a judgment is that rate in effect at the time of
http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-	Code of Virginia, relating to	entry of the judgment, and is not affected by any
bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+CHAP0455	the judgment rate of	subsequent changes to the statutory rate of interest.
VVD 40.50	interest.	
HB 2059	An Act to amend the Code	Unlawful use of payment card scanning devices and re- encoders; penalty. Punishes as a Class 1 misdemeanor the
http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-	of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-	malicious and unauthorized use of a scanner or re-encoder
bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+CHAP0166	196.1, relating to unlawful	to unlawfully reproduce the information in the magnetic
bili/legp304.cac.031+tui+effAt 0100	use of payment card	stripe of a payment card and as a Class 6 felony if the
	scanning devices and re-	person sells or distributes such information to another or
	encoders; penalty.	uses the information in the commission of another crime.
HB 2457	An Act to amend and	Money transmission services; exemption from
	reenact § <u>6.1-371</u> of the	licensure. Exempts a person, firm, corporation or other
http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-	Code of Virginia, relating to	entity from the requirement that it be licensed by the State
bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+CHAP0314	money order sales and	Corporation Commission to engage in the business of
	money transmission	money transmission, to the extent of providing money
	services; licensure.	transmission services to or for banks or other financial

		institutions.
HB2460	An Act to amend and	Credit counseling. Eliminates the requirement that
	reenact §§ <u>6.1-363.2</u> , <u>6.1-</u>	licensed credit counseling agencies be nonprofit, tax-
http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-	<u>363.4</u> , and <u>6.1-363.7</u> of the	exempt organizations. The measure also requires that an
bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+CHAP0315	Code of Virginia, relating to	applicant for licensure as a credit counseling agency not be
	credit counseling;	the subject of a current material administrative or
	qualifications.	regulatory proceeding and not have received a material
		adverse determination in any past administrative or
		regulatory proceedings. An applicant is also required to
		file a consumer disclosure form with the State Corporation
		Commission.
HB 2571	An Act to amend and	<b>Business of banks.</b> Enumerates the business activities in
	reenact $\S$ <u>6.1-11</u> of the Code	which banks are authorized to engage. Banks are
http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-	of Virginia, relating to the	authorized to engage directly in activities in which a
bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+CHAP0320	Virginia Banking Act;	controlled subsidiary corporation may engage, including
	powers of banks.	transacting business as a real estate brokerage firm. Other
		enumerated business activities include acting as an agent
		in the sale of insurance and annuities; dealing in or making
		a market in securities; providing financial, investment, or
		economic advisory services; and providing other products
		and services that the State Corporation Commission deems to be financial in nature.
HB 2642	An Act to amend and	State Treasurer; unclaimed property; recovery of
ПВ 2042	reenact § 55-210.21 of the	costs. Authorizes the State Treasurer, where a payment
http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-	Code of Virginia, relating to	for a claim for property held by the Treasurer is allowed,
bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+CHAP0118	the State Treasurer;	to deduct from that payment the costs for notices, sales,
minicgp304.cxc; 031+1ui+CliAF0116	unclaimed property;	and other related incurred expenses.
	recovery of costs.	and outer related incurred expenses.
	lectively of costs.	

HB 2821	An Act to amend and	Title insurance risk rates. Authorizes title insurance
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	reenact § <u>38.2-4608</u> of the	companies to charge risk rates that it negotiates with a
http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-	Code of Virginia, relating to	potential insured. Such rates shall be presumed not to be
bin/legp504.exe?051+ful+CHAP0848	title insurance rates.	unfairly discriminatory if they are sufficient to furnish a
		reasonable margin for profit after provision for probable
		losses, exposure to loss under policies, allocations to
		reserves, costs of participating insurance, operating costs
		and other items of expense fairly attributable to the
		operation of the business, and are not unfairly
		discriminatory between risks involving essentially the
		same hazards and expense elements.